



COUNCIL LEADERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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*The Council Leadership Newsletter is a weekly digest of information for key local council and council service territory volunteers from multiple BSA sources. Learn more about the items important to you and **please share appropriate content with other Scouters.***

2024 Silver Buffalo Recipients

There are many reasons to attend a BSA National Annual Meeting – information, connections, fellowship, networking, inspiration, perspective, idea-sharing, just to name a few. Two of the many special highlights are the awarding of the Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo Awards to deserving Scouters, and the celebration around the presentations. The 2024 Class of Silver Buffalo recipients has been announced and here they are:

Laurie Champion (Michigan)
Mark J. Chilutti (Pennsylvania)
Kandra Dickerson (Iowa)
Frederick Hillenbrand (West Virginia)
Jason P. Hood (Tennessee)
David J. Kehrer (Illinois)
Dr. James D. Libbin (New Mexico)
Bernard W. Lockard Jr. (Pennsylvania)
Fred R. Norton Jr. (Texas)
Louis Paulson (California)
Michael R. Rooney (Arizona)
Sven J. Rundman III (Virginia)
Dr. Arnold F. Traupman (Pennsylvania)
Michael F. Weber (Michigan)

Kodiak Challenge Has Been Discontinued

As BSA continues to streamline and refine its training, the Kodiak Challenge, a field-based leadership training that originated in the Venturing program, is being discontinued in favor of utilizing the primary leadership elements of the Venturing program. Currently scheduled Kodiak courses for individual crews (through summer 2024) may continue as planned. All other courses at other levels (multi-crew, district, council, etc.) should be cancelled. New courses at any level should not be scheduled or held. The National Venturing Committee is currently working on a survey to be sent out to Venturing youth to make sure that we are moving forward in a manner that will meet the program needs of Venturers. This survey will contain elements surrounding training and they hope to have the survey sent out within the first quarter of 2024. As the survey data is received, it will help determine the training needs within the Venturing program.

Cub Scouting Updates for Commissioners

Anthony Berger, National Director of Cub Scouting, created a video to assist commissioners with the updates to Cub Scouting. Find it [here](#). Bookmark [this page](#) for this and other interesting video updates.

2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference

You are probably aware that 2024 National Order of the Arrow Conference at the University of Colorado Boulder is officially sold out. We are thrilled that interest was and remains high for the second largest national event the BSA operates. For lodges that have not yet submitted their contingent delegate slots, they have until Friday, *March 1, 2024*, to claim their allotted five delegate slots; if they have more than five delegates interested in attending NOAC, they will be able to add them to the waitlist. Find the NOAC FAQ [here](#).

Special Needs and Disabilities March Roundtable

March is designated as Disabilities Awareness Month. Join the National Special Needs and Disabilities Committee in presenting Special Needs activities, using lessons learned from the National Jamboree Special Needs Challenge, which can be done during troop meetings. Register and get details [here](#).

International Adventures in Scouting Program at Philmont Training Center

The BSA International Committee is sponsoring an exciting program called “International Adventures in Scouting” at the Philmont Training Center from *June 16-22* for our Scouter, commissioners, and International Representatives to learn about and share opportunities in Scouting worldwide! More details [here](#).

Back Issues of the Packet

We have created a repository of the most recent back issues of the *Newsletter* and its predecessor *Packet*. Find them [here](#). Be sure to check them out if you are new to this newsletter.

Nice Stories from the Service Territories

Inland Northwest Klondike Derby - [here](#)
Adams Award Winning Eagle Projects - [here](#)

Reminders from Previous Newsletters

Cub Scouting updates [Linktree page](#)
National Marketing Awards deadline *February 15* – [here](#)
Feedback on the BSA Roadmap and National Operations Update to territory director by *February 15*
Monthly council membership goals entered by *February 15*
National Duty to God Award due by *February 29* - [here](#)
Marketing Bootcamp *March 14 and March 21* – Information [here](#) and register [here](#)
Executive board approved membership plan is due by *March 29*
Council progress reviews should be completed by *March 31*
Trail To Adventure Blog - [here](#)

Webinar Links

Council Finance and Development - [here](#)
Monthly Membership Rally - [Registration](#)
Cub Chat Live (every Friday at 2pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
Troop Talk Live (second Wednesday of each month at 2 pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
Leading our Adventures (every other Friday at 5pm CT) - [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#)
[Developing a Mental, Emotional, Social Health \(MESH\) Plan for Your Camp\(s\) – February 15 - Registration](#)
2024 National Pre Camp Leaders Meeting - *March 7* - [Registration](#)
Climb to Success: How to Facilitate COPE & Climbing Programs For Your Council - *April 11* - [Registration](#)

Important Links

Youth Safety - [here](#)

2024 Good Turn Society - [here](#)

Program Updates - [here](#)

News for Commissioners - [here](#)

National Council Videos - [here](#)

BSA Event Management – [here](#)

Abilities Digest - [here](#)

National Camp Accreditation Program 2024 - [here](#)

Marketing and Recruitment Resources - [here](#)

Health and Safety - [here](#)

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